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## CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

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Application No.	09/281,164	07
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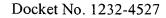
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See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)	Atty Docket No.	1232-4527				
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.  NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.						
1. Submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114						
a. Previously submitted						
Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to abov ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or iii. Other:	o will be entered)					
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<ul> <li>2. Miscellaneous</li> <li>a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application in of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed b. Other:</li> </ul>	•	-	, ,			
3. <b>Fees</b> The RCE fee under C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R.	. §1.114 when the RC	E is filed				
<ul> <li>a.</li></ul>						
c. En The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500 Order No. 1232-4527						
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